

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Rev. Calvin White – Chaplin @ Methodist Hospital

ROLLCALL: All members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval January 14, 2014. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2013. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Widing. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Pettit made a motion to award bucket truck bid to Lake Shore Ford for \$117,685.00 and second Mr. Hardaway. The motion was approved by 7/0 voice vote.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Miano read a letter from Ross Township Trustee Mr. Joseph Shudick to John Minchuk EMA Director thanking volunteers for their assistance for past and previous years. Enclosed in the letter was a donation to help to purchase protective equipment.

PARKS & RECREATION: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Lake provided updates regarding Stormwater: Stormwater is in the process of ranking the Stormwater projects as part of the Stormwater Master Plan. Mr. Lake is preparing a presentation for the council in Spring, the presentation will help council to understand the rankings for the Stormwater projects. Mr. Lake met with NIRPC last week to discuss new scope of services for 2014 Regional Outreach BMPs. Stormwater Board approved a quote from Blade Cutters to do clearing and snagging work for Madison Ditch. Stormwater is hosting a workshop with D2 Land and Water Resource on April 3rd at the Stormwater Resource Center. Taft Street update: Stormwater received \$129,509.05 from IDOT as part of their cost share for the project. Stormwater also approved a contract with Aquatic Weed Control to continue treatment Bon Aire Lake.

Mr. Hardaway thanked everyone that participated in the bottle cap collection; the town was able to get two benches from the amount of caps that were received.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Merrillville Senior Services will be doing AARP tax preparation starting in February.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

UTILITY LIAISON: No report.

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report.

ADA COMPLIANCES: No report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: No report.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: No report.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 14-01: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, authorizing temporary loans to fulfill monetary requirements necessary for debt service payments. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Widing. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Res. 14-02: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, approving an order of the Town of Merrillville Plan Commission approving a certain declaratory resolution previously adopted by the Town of Merrillville Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Hardaway. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Res. 14-03: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, regarding its intent to issue general obligation Bonds and providing that certain preliminary expenditures be reimbursed from the proceeds of said bonds and other related matters. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mrs. Barron. Motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Election Town of Town Council President & Town Council Vice President

Mr. Pettit made a motion to nominate Mrs. Carol Miano to retain her position as Town Council President for 2014 and second by Mr. Spann. The motion was approved by 6/0 roll call vote, Mrs. Miano abstained.

Mrs. Barron made a motion to nominate Mr. Pettit for Town Council Vice President for 2014 and second by Mr. Goralczyk. The motion was approved by 7/0 roll call vote.

2) Appointment of Committees

3) Appointment of Board Members

All appointments are attached on a separate sheet.

PUBLIC COMMENT: All public comment is recorded on cassette tape and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TOWN HALL CLOSED, January 20, 2014 in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Plan Commission Meeting, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Council Workshop, January 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, January 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Redevelopment Commission Meeting, January 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting, January 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol Miano, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer

2014 - MERRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

BUDGET & FINANCE

Goralczyk, Chairman
Pettit
Spann

PUBLIC WORKS

Pettit, Chairman
Hardaway
Spann

ADA

Miano

COUNCIL AFFAIRS (Ordinances)

Spain, Chairman
Pettit
Widing

**PERSONNEL POLICY &
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Goralczyk, Chairman
Pettit
Spann

**PUBLIC SAFETY
(Police & Fire Services)**

Widing, Chairman
Goralczyk
Pettit

PARKS & RECREATION

Spann, Chairman
Goralczyk
Widing

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
(Includes Development & Maintenance
of Retention Ponds Committee)

Goralczyk, Chairman
Spann
Widing

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS
(3TC, CT & TM & PK Sup. & also
includes Town Parade Committee)

Miano, Chairwoman
Guernsey
Spann
Spires
Wilson

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION

Miano, Chairwoman
Guernsey
Pettit
Spann
Spires

***SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(3TC, MCC exec. Dir., MCC Econ. Dev. Chairman)

Goralczyk, Chairman
Pettit
Spann
Julie Olthof, Chamber Pres.
Sue Reed, Exe. Dir., MCC

UTILITY LIAISONS

Pettit, Chairman
Goralczyk
Spann

LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Tom Goralczyk

NORTHWEST INDIANA REGIONAL

Shawn Pettit

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Pettit, President
Goralczyk
Hardaway
Spann
Widing

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minchuk
Olthof
Ward